

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 282 and vote No. 286, On Agreeing to the Amendment (Garamendi of California Part C Amendment No. 38 and Langevin of Rhode Island Part C Amendment No. 42). Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 282, and NAY on Roll Call No. 286.

RECOGNIZING NATASHA DABROWSKI'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Natasha Dabrowski for her many contributions to the New Democrat Coalition as our recent communications director and senior advisor. Last month, Natasha left the New Democrat Coalition after over five years of service to join President Biden's administration.

The New Democrat Coalition, which I have the honor to chair, is made up of 95 forward-thinking Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives who are committed to getting things done. We represent the expansion of the Democratic Party beyond our urban base into purple districts, which is key to Democrats holding the majority. By the nature of our members and area of focus, our communications director is a critical member of the New Dem team and Natasha was an invaluable resource in the role.

Natasha joined the New Dem communications staff as press secretary & communications aide in April 2016. Over her career with the New Democrat Coalition, she served under four chairs—Reps. RON KIND, JIM HIMES, DEREK KILMER, and me—and was given more responsibility as the Coalition's communications director and senior advisor. Natasha helped shape and share our message during four Congresses and three administrations.

Throughout her tenure, Natasha helped build out critical components of the Coalition's communications and outreach strategy. She developed deep relationships with reporters, increased the Coalition's coverage, built a community for New Dem Member office communications staff, and helped strengthen the Coalition's brand and message. Natasha matured the Coalition's communication's operation by overseeing the creation of a press assistant position and launching new products and internal processes that expanded our reach and made our work better. Natasha also

served as a key communications advisor for many New Dem Members and their staffs.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the members of the New Democrat Coalition, I thank Natasha and wish her best of luck in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, had I been present on September 22, 2021 during the Roll Call No. 269 vote, the Dean of Pennsylvania Part C Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 4350, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I was caught in traffic and the votes closed before I could cast mine. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on rollcall No. 289, and "Nay" on rollcall No. 285.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on June 3, 1969, 74 sailors were killed off the coast of Vietnam.

These sailors—the "Lost 74"—perished when the USS *Frank E Evans* sank after colliding with an aircraft carrier participating in a training exercise.

Each of these service members were deployed to a combat zone. Each of these service members died in the service of our nation. And yet, their names have been left off the Vietnam Memorial wall.

These sailors deserve to be recognized alongside the individuals who lost their lives in service of our nation in the Vietnam War. This commemoration of their service is long overdue.

The Lost 74 are heroes who left their home and families to fight for their country—our country—and gave the last full measure of devotion in the service of peace and security.

Their names deserve to be honored and remembered alongside the 60,000 Americans who lost their lives in Vietnam.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD C. BOWMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great regret that I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of an inspiring individual and dedicated public servant, Richard "Dick" C. Bowman, of Vernon, Connecticut. A passionate educator, devoted firefighter, and a loving family man, Dick passed away on September 10, 2021, in his home surrounded by his loved ones at the age of 74.

Born in Oxford, Massachusetts to Harriet and Reverend Paul Bowman, Dick moved with his family to Vernon at an early age and remained dedicated to his local community throughout his life. After graduating from Rockville High School, Dick attended Boston University where he received a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and education. From there, he propelled his passion for education forward and went on to receive a master's in special education from Central Connecticut State College as well as a 6th-year degree in educational administration from the University of Connecticut. Armed with an impressive degree of knowledge, Dick went on to pursue an enriching career in education to give back to the school system that had granted him invaluable wisdom and a pathway to success. For the next 15 years, Dick was a speech pathologist and special education supervisor for the Vernon Board of Education where he excelled and made compassion and encouragement the top priorities for his students and educators. Soon after, he became an assistant principal and interim principal at Rockville High, and even after his eventual retirement in 2004, Dick remained dedicated to the Vernon community through his committee positions with several scholarship and trust organizations.

Dick's devotion to his community and to service did not stop with his work in education. He was a devout member of the Vernon Union Congregational Church where he served as a choir member, mentor, leader, and committeeman. Dick's care for his community also led him to 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter for both the Vernon and Rockville Fire Departments. During his time, Dick was a member on several Department committees and successfully rose to the ranking of 2nd lieutenant for the Department. As the only active member on both the Vernon and Rockville Fire Departments, he became a conduit between the two departments and played a key role in unifying Vernon and Rockville under one authority. For his efforts in the merge, the Vernon Fire Department appointed him as a Charter Member. In January of 2020, Dick's unwavering dedication to his community rightfully earned him a Life Membership from the Town of Vernon's Fire Department. Even after his retirement from active firefighting, Dick

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continued to serve his town through numerous committees for the Vernon Fire Department and happily watched his grandson, Adam, become a fifth-generation Bowman firefighter.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to have the opportunity to represent constituents as devoted and caring toward their community as Richard Bowman. I have had the honor to represent the Town of Vernon for many years in Congress, and have seen firsthand Dick Bowman's diligent work. I also live in the town, and am grateful for his efforts to keep the town, my neighborhood, and my family safe. Dick leaves behind his wife, Carol, alongside two sons, his grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews. He loved attending his grandchildren's school and athletic events and will be remembered by his family as a loving husband, uncle, father, and grandfather. His memory will live on through them and reverberate throughout the community he proudly served. To that end, I ask that my colleagues and this Chamber join me in setting Richard's legacy further into stone, and expressing our deepest respect for Richard's work and life.

RECOGNIZING THE COUNTY OF ORLEANS SHERIFF'S WEEK

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the County of Orleans Sheriff's Week designated this year between September 19th through September 25th.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department, led by Sheriff Christopher Bourke, has an extensive history of honorably serving the people of Orleans County. The Department conducts itself with the utmost professionalism and demonstrates integrity, honor, and courage daily.

Just in the past year, we have seen countless examples of heroism. Last November Sheriff's investigator Kevin Colonna went above and beyond the call of duty and used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to revive an elderly man who had become non-responsive.

Similarly, Undersheriff Mike Mele took incredible action last December when a driver lost control of their vehicle on slick roads and crossed into his lane. Undersheriff Mele quickly turned to avoid the car and careened off the road seriously injuring himself in the process. His selfless actions undoubtedly saved the life of the other driver.

These are just two of the countless examples where members of the Orleans County Sheriff's Department have gone above and beyond the call of duty and acted selflessly to protect the people of Orleans County. They patrol the streets, operate a safe and secure jail, patrol the waterways, and provide resources to local schools—among many other duties.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such a distinguished department and the fine men and women who oversee its operations. Our Orleans County Sheriff's Department and all our brave law enforcement officers deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for their service.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY OF GILBERT CAMPBELL

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions and legacy of Gilbert Campbell, a successful businessman and community leader who dedicated his life to the prosperity of the Greater Lowell community. He passed away peacefully on September 16, 2021.

Gilbert was born in the Centralville neighborhood in the City of Lowell in 1930. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1948, Gilbert would embark on a seven decade-long professional career, first as a distinguished home builder, real estate developer, and entrepreneur; and later as a hotelier, restaurateur, professional sports owner who was renowned for his passion for thoroughbred horses.

Over the span of his home building career, Gilbert built 1,500 houses, 3,000 apartments, and many commercial buildings. He was extremely involved in the home building community, so much so that he was a founding member and one-time president of the Lowell Home Builders Association, a past President of Massachusetts Home Builder Association, and a previous Vice President and Lifetime Director of the National Home Builders Association.

In addition to his impressive professional career, Gilbert never forgot where he came from. He worked tirelessly to make his hometown of Lowell a better place. His expertise and vision for the future of the City made him a trusted confidant to many business and political leaders over the years, myself included. He was a founding member of the Lowell Plan, the former St. John's Hospital/Saints Medical Center, the past President of Vesper Country Club, a previous Chairman of the Northern Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, and a co-owner of Lowell's first professional sports team, The Lowell Lock Monsters. Gilbert's contributions to the economic development of Lowell has had a lasting impact on the city and will continue to be felt when walking the streets downtown for generations to come.

Throughout his life, Gilbert was the recipient of numerous recognitions from distinguished organizations for his work in our community. He was selected in the 1960s as the New England Builder of the Year and in 2016 as the Florida Breeder of the Year Award, alongside his beloved wife, Marilyn. He was also inducted into the Lowell High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, the Northeast Builders Hall of Fame, and the New England Turf Writers Hall of Fame. In the face of so many well-deserved accolades, Gilbert remained humble, accessible and down to earth. Through his years of leadership, Gilbert has made the City of Lowell a better place to call home.

Gilbert will be remembered for his love for his family and friends, his kindness to those around him, his distinguished professional career, and his immense pride in the City of Lowell. My heart goes out to Marilyn, his children Susan and Gary, and the entire Campbell family during this difficult time. Gilbert's legacy will live on through his loving family

and all of us who had the honor of knowing him.

CONGRATULATING POIEMA VISUAL ARTS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Poiema Visual Arts as it celebrates its grand opening on this day, September 24, 2021.

With roots in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Poiema Visual Arts is an organization which seeks to foster values such as discipleship and friendship among Christian visual artists across Pennsylvania. Lancaster County is home to a burgeoning arts community, with many artists, craftsmen, and others finding it an ideal place from which to hone their craft and exhibit their work. Poiema Visual Arts will be a welcome addition to that community.

Art is often thought of as a universal language which can bring together people from all walks of life. We hope Poiema Visual Arts can do just that and unite people across Pennsylvania's Eleventh District and beyond.

We wish Poiema Visual Arts all the best and eagerly wait to see what the future has in store.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, my proxy holder was detained and unable to cast a vote for me. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Rollcall No. 227.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT PESHTIGO FIRE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Great Peshtigo Fire. The deadliest fire in U.S. history, the Great Peshtigo Fire claimed nearly 2,000 lives and millions of acres of land across Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. Today, we not only remember the lives lost in this blaze, but celebrate the resilience Wisconsinites showed in rebuilding their communities.

The city of Peshtigo was founded in 1838. Adjacent to the western shore of Green Bay, surrounded by dense Wisconsin forest, and bisected by the Peshtigo River, Peshtigo became an immediate economic hub for logging and shipping. By 1871 it sustained the livelihood of thousands of families in Wisconsin and was the tenth most populous city in the state.

October 8, 1871 may be often overlooked in American history, but to the citizens of